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For: GAS GENERATING COMPOSITION AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as indicated in Attachment 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof, a clean copy of the amendments being submitted as Attachment 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please cancel claims 3-11. Please add the following newly submitted claims 12-20 as written on Attachment 3.

REMARKS

The claims have been rewritten to eliminate multiple claim dependency and to conform to U.S. style. The specification has been amended to include US-style headings. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the changes in the specification and the new claims is attached. A marked-up copy has also been attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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